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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes; but there are other schemes too, equally or even more urgent, which could not be taken up for want of funds.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know from the Hon. Minister when it is likely to be taken up for construction?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say anything about that."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask whether the construction of this building is not as urgent as the improvements to the Medical College at Vizagapatam for which an urgent supplemental grant was moved yesterday?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Comparisons are odious; but I can say for the information of the hon. Member that this scheme has been placed by the Surgeon-General very low on the list of new schemes that have to be undertaken."

Inadequacy of accommodation in the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital, Triplicane.

* 670 *Q.*—Mrs. K. ALAMELUMANGATHAYARAMMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of confinement cases at the Government Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital per year for the last five years;

(*b*) how many beds are provided for confinement cases for—

(i) Hindus,

(ii) Muhammadans, and

(iii) others;

(*c*) how many patients are there who are not provided with beds and what their number is per day;

(*d*) whether there is separate accommodation for clean and septic delivery cases; and

(*e*) if not, whether it is the intention of the Government to provide more accommodation for the patients in the case of clean and septic cases?

	Year.	Number of confinement cases.
A.—(*a*)	1930	1,945
	1931	1,874
	1932	1,990
	1933	2,082
	1934	2,255

(*b*) (i) & (iii) together—Sixteen beds in the wards plus twelve beds in the veranda.

(ii) Five beds in the wards.

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 325 infra.

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(*c*) Average number of patients not provided with beds per day is 23.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes. The Surgeon-General has been asked to scrutinize the approximate plans and estimates which have been prepared for the construction of additional wards to provide more accommodation for clean labour and surgical cases.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know in what stage the proposals are and whether they have now been forwarded to Government? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know if the Hon. Minister will be pleased to expedite the proposals? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As far as it is possible for me to do so, yes."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 4 *RE* POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT BOARD.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" Mr. President, under the proviso to Standing Order No. 4, I request I may be allowed half an hour after 5 p.m. to-day to enable me to raise a debate on a matter of urgent importance regarding the postponement of election of the President of the South Kanara District Board which was the subject-matter of question No. 656 answered to-day."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" I second it." 11-30 a.m.

* The Hon. the President:—" I think there has been a sufficiently large number of supplementary questions upon this particular subject and it has been practically proved that the Hon. Minister has no further information to give upon this subject. This motion is not going to be a censure motion but it is going to be a motion for securing more information and for having a discussion. I do not think the subject is so urgent as to take half an hour of the time of the House for discussing it. I think Dr. Subbarayan has tabled some short notice questions which perhaps will be answered later on.

III.—SELECT COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

* The Hon. the President:—" I have to announce that the following candidates have been duly nominated for election to the Select Committee to amend Standing Orders Nos. 28, 30 and 55:—

(1) The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili.
(2) Dr. P. Subbarayan.
(3) Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi.
(4) ,, W. K. M. Langley.
(5) ,, K. P. Raman Menon.
(6) Diwan Bahadur R. Srinivasan.